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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for "Newton Commuter Rail Stations Accessibility Improvements" in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Newton, located at 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459.

The funding would be used to:

- Address MBTA reliability and modernization needs: Short-term the improvements allow for increased service frequency. Long-term, the project enables the MBTA to implement future high-frequency subway-like service using electric trains on the Worcester Line, as envisioned in the MBTA's Rail Vision plan.
- Provide ADA accessibility through a combination of ramps, stairs, and elevators, providing equitable paths of travel for all.
- Improve current operations by providing full-length, two sided high-level platforms for level boarding.
- Improve station amenities including new benches, canopies, bike storage, etc.
- Improve connections to local roads and existing parking areas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS
Member of Congress